



Pledge to SCOOP THE POOP!

Why Scoop the Poop?

Dog poop left on the ground is not a small problem. It is estimated that the typical dog excretes between one half to three quarters of a pound of waste per day—or about 180-274 pounds per year. In San Diego alone, there are an estimated 600,000 dogs - that is roughly 136 million pounds of poop per year.

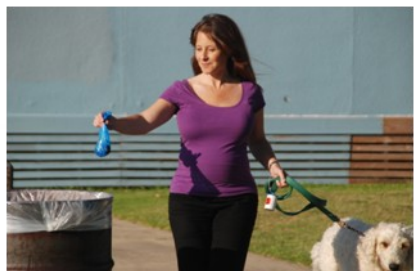
Poop left on sidewalks, streets, yards or other open areas can be washed away by over irrigation or rain water and carried into storm drains. Unfortunately, dog poop can contain bacteria, viruses and nutrients that can cause human illness and harm our environment. Bacterial contamination of our waterways from animal poop can make people sick, while nutrients cause excessive algae growth. In addition, as animal poop decays in water, it can use up the dissolved oxygen that fish and other aquatic life need to breathe to survive.

How can you help?

- Pick up animal waste promptly using plastic bags, scoops or shovels. Even in leash free areas, you are responsible for picking up after your pet.
- Carry plastic bags with you on a walk or to the park.
- Seal dog poop in a plastic bag and throw it in the trash.

Keep Pollutants Out of Storm Drains

You must pick up after your pets to prevent their waste from entering the storm drain system. Many people think that when water flows into a storm drain it is treated, but the storm drain system and sewer system are not connected. Everything that enters storm drains flows untreated directly into our creeks, rivers, bays, beaches and ultimately the ocean.



To report storm water pollution in San Diego,
call the Think Blue Hotline: (619) 235-1000

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